

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals, each of the plurality of operation terminals being operable by a user, comprising:

means for generating correlation information expressing the correlation between said operation terminals and information operable there through; and

means for outputting said correlation information to the operation terminals.

2. (previously presented) The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein the correlation information is identification information by which a plurality of the operation terminals under connection can individually be identified.

3. (original) The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein the means for generating the correlation information generates information for symbolizing information operable through the operation terminals as the correlation information.

4. (previously presented) The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein the correlation information can be displayed on a display unit on each of the operation terminals.

5. (currently amended) An information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals, each of the plurality of operation terminals being operable by a user, comprising:

a unit for generating correlation information expressing the correlation between the operation terminals and information operable therethrough; and

a unit for outputting the correlation information to the operation terminals.

6. (currently amended) A method for processing information in an information processing device that is connected to a plurality of operation terminals, each of the operation terminals being operable by a user, comprising the steps of:

generating correlation information expressing the correlation between athe plurality of operation terminals and information operable therethrough; and

outputting the correlation information to the plurality of operation terminals.

7. (original) A method for processing information according to Claim 6, wherein the correlation information generated is identification information by which a plurality of the operation terminals under connection can individually be identified.

8. (original) The method for processing information according to Claim 6, wherein the correlation information generated is information for symbolizing information operable through the operation terminals.

9. (original) The method for processing information according to Claim 6, wherein the correlation information generated is information which can be displayed on a display unit provided to each of operation terminals.

10. (previously presented) The method for processing information according to Claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

initializing a table in which at least a subset of the plurality of said operation terminals are entered;

detecting any operation terminal not listed in the table;

entering such unlisted operation terminal into the table; and

generating correlation information for the operation terminals entered into the table and outputting such correlation information to the corresponding operation terminals.

11. (previously presented) The method for processing information according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of selectively deleting from the table any operation terminal with which communication was not established.

12. (currently amended) An operation terminal device operable by an operator and connectable to an information processing device and capable of receiving information from such information processing device, comprising:

means for providing a display visually recognizable by anthe operator; and

means for receiving at least correlation information expressing the correlation between the operator and information operable by such operator among all information handled by the information processing device;

wherein the correlation information is displayed on the display.

13. (previously presented) The operation terminal device according to Claim 12, wherein the correlation information is identification information by which the operation terminal device can individually be identified.

14. (original) The operation terminal device according to Claim 12, wherein the correlation information is information for symbolizing information operable by the operator.

15. (currently amended) An operation terminal device operable by an operator and connectable to an information processing device and capable of receiving information from such information processing device, comprising:

a display; and

a receiver operable to receive at least correlation information expressing the correlation between ~~an~~the operator and information operable by such operator among all information handled by the information processing device;

wherein the correlation information is displayed on the display.

16. (original) An information transmitting device connected to a connection terminal of an information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals, and transmitting information between the information processing device and the operation terminals, comprising;

a value setting means for setting a value corresponding with the connection to the connection terminal of the information processing device,

wherein information corresponding with the value set by the value setting means is transmitted to the operation terminals.

17. (original) The information transmitting device according to Claim 16, further comprising:

means for judging whether correlation information expressing the correlation between the operation terminals and information operable therethrough is successfully supplied from the information processing device or not; and

a control means for transmitting to the operation terminals the correlation information when the supply thereof was successful, and for transmitting to the operation terminals information corresponding with a value set by the value setting means when the supply of the correlation information was not successful.

18. (original) An information transmitting device connected to a connection terminal of an information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals, and transmitting information between the information processing device and the operation terminals, comprising:

a unit for setting a value corresponding with the connection to the connection terminal of the information processing device,

wherein information corresponding with the value set by the value setting unit is transmitted to the operation terminals.

19. (currently amended) A method for transmitting information comprising the steps of:

detecting a set value corresponding with the connection to a connection terminal of an information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals; and

transmitting information corresponding with the set value to the plurality of operation terminals.

20. (original) The method for transmitting information according to Claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

judging whether correlation information expressing the correlation between the operation terminals and information operable therethrough is successfully supplied from the information processing device or not; and

transmitting to the operation terminals the correlation information when the supply thereof was successful, and transmitting to the operation terminals information corresponding with the set value when the supply of the correlation information was not successful.

21. (previously presented) An information communication system including a plurality of operation terminal devices connected to an information processing device, for effecting information communication between the operation terminal devices and the information processing device, the information processing device comprising:

means for generating correlation information expressing the correlation between each of the plurality of operation terminal devices and information operable therethrough; and

means for outputting said correlation information to the operation terminal devices, the operation terminal devices further comprising:

means for providing display visually recognizable by the operator; and
means for receiving at least correlation information output from the information processing device;
wherein the correlation information is displayed on the means for providing display of the operation terminals.

22. (original) The information communication system according to Claim 21, wherein the means for generating said correlation information generates identification information by which a plurality of the operation terminal devices under connection can individually be identified.

23. (original) The information communication system according to Claim 21, wherein the means for generating the correlation information generates information for symbolizing information operable through the operation terminal devices.

24. (previously presented) An information communication system including a plurality of operation terminal devices connected to an information processing device, for effecting information communication between the operation terminal devices and the information processing device, the information processing device comprising:

a unit for generating correlation information expressing the correlation between each of the plurality of operation terminal devices and information operable therethrough; and

a unit for outputting the correlation information to the operation terminal devices,
each of the operation terminal devices further comprising:

a unit for providing display visually recognizable by the operator; and

a unit for receiving at least correlation information output from the information processing device;

wherein the correlation information is displayed on the unit for providing display of the operation terminal devices.

25-30. (canceled)

31. (previously presented) A recording medium storing a processing program, wherein the processing program comprises the steps of:

generating correlation information expressing the correlation between a plurality of operation terminals and information operable therethrough; and

outputting the correlation information to the corresponding operation terminals.

32. (original) A recording medium storing a processing program according to Claim 31, wherein the step of generating the correlation information generates identification information by which a plurality of the operation terminals under connection can individually be identified.

33. (original) The recording medium storing a processing program according to Claim 31, wherein the step of generating the correlation information generates information for symbolizing information operable through the operation terminals.

34. (original) The recording medium storing a processing program according to Claim 31, wherein the step of generating the correlation information generates information which can be displayed on a display unit provided to each of the operation terminals.

35. (previously presented) A processing program according to Claim 31, the processing program further comprising the steps of:

initializing a table in which a plurality of the operation terminals are entered;

detecting any operation terminal not listed in the table;

entering such unlisted operation terminal into the table; and

generating correlation information for the operation terminals entered into the table and outputting such correlation information to the corresponding operation terminals.

36. (previously presented) A processing program according to Claim 35, the program further comprising the step of selectively deleting from the table any operation terminal with which the communication was not established.

37. (new) An information processing device capable of communicating with an operation terminal through a connection terminal, the operation terminal having a display and being operable by a user, comprising:

establishment determining means for determining if communication is established with the operation terminal;

display information generating means for assigning information that identifies the operation terminal and for generating display information to be displayed on the display in accordance with the information that identifies the operation terminal, when the establishment

determining means determines that the communication has been established with the operation terminal; and

transmitting means for transmitting the display information generated by the display information generating means to the operation terminal through the connection terminal.

38. (new) The information processing device according to Claim 37, wherein the display information is an icon.

39. (new) The information processing device according to Claim 37, wherein the display information is a number.

40. (new) The information processing device according to Claim 37, wherein the information processing device is a video game entertainment device and the operation terminal is a game controller.

41. (new) The information processing device according to Claim 37, the information processing device being capable of communication with a plurality of operation terminals through a plurality of connection terminals, each of the plurality of operation terminals having a display and being operable by a user, wherein:

the establishment determining means determines a connection relationship between each of a plurality of operation terminals and each of a plurality of connection terminals;

wherein the display information generating means recognizes the connection relationship between the plurality of connection terminals and the plurality of operation terminals based on the connection relationship determined by the establishment determining means, and assigns the information for identifying the operation terminal to each of the operation terminals respectively corresponding to the connection terminals, in accordance with an information assignment order predetermined for each of the connection terminals.

42. (new) The information processing device according to Claim 37, further comprising:

a table; and

table entering means for entering into the table the operation terminal with which the establishment determining means determines that the communication has been established,

wherein the display information generating means assigns to the operation terminal entered in the table the information for identifying the operation terminal.

43. (new) A method for an information processing device to communicate with an operation terminal through a connection terminal, the operation terminal having a display and being operable by a user, comprising the steps of:

determining if communication is established between the information processing device and the operation terminal;

assigning information that identifies the operation terminal and generating display information to be displayed on the display in accordance with the information that identifies the operation terminal, when communication has been established with the operation terminal; and

transmitting the display information to the operation terminal through the connection terminal.

44. (new) The method according to Claim 43, wherein the display information is an icon.

45. (new) The method according to Claim 43, wherein the display information is a number.

46. (new) The method according to Claim 43, further comprising the step of:

determining a connection relationship between each of a plurality of operation terminals and each of a plurality of connection terminals;

wherein the display information generating means recognizes the connection relationship between the plurality of connection terminals and the plurality of operation terminals based on the connection relationship determined by the establishment determining means, and assigns the information for identifying the operation terminal to each of the operation terminals respectively corresponding to the connection terminals, in accordance with an information assignment order predetermined for each of the connection terminals.

47. (new) The method according to Claim 43, further comprising the step of entering into a table the operation terminal with which the establishment determining means determines that the communication has been established, wherein the display information generating means assigns to the operation terminal entered in the table the information for identifying the operation terminal.